

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1354 - SB 1175

April 1, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to include data from the report on Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program, issued collaboratively by THEC and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), in the annual *Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book*.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007008): Deletes all language after the caption. Requires each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a suicide prevention plan for students, faculty, and staff in consultation with campus mental health professionals and suicide prevention experts. Requires the plan to be provided once each semester. Authorizes each state institution of higher education to seek assistance in developing a suicide prevention plan from an organization that engages in a variety of initiatives to improve crisis services and advance suicide prevention.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There are currently numerous resources available from recognized organizations in the field of suicide prevention that can be accessed by each state institution of higher education to accomplish assembling a model list of training programs within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee, the provisions of this legislation can be executed with existing staff and within existing resources without a significant impact on state expenditures.
- Each of the locally-governed institutions is estimated to be able to develop and implement a suicide prevention plan for students, faculty, and staff without a significant increase to state expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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